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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 712
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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend JoAnn Burchfield on her selection as the 2002 Hamblen County Teacher of the Year for pre-kindergarten through grade 4.

WHEREAS, teaching is a critical component of a strong educational system and Tennessee is very fortunate to have some of the best teachers in the country; and

WHEREAS, one such teacher is JoAnn Burchfield who was recently chosen the Hamblen County Teacher of the Year for pre-kindergarten through grade 4; and

WHEREAS, a 36-year teacher, Ms. Burchfield has taught first grade for the past 32 years; and

WHEREAS, she earned her Bachelor of Science Degree from East Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Burchfield is a popular and highly respected educator, who has served expertly as lead teacher of first grade at Witt Elementary for several years and as Space Week Chair and American Education Week Chair; and

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WHEREAS, her exceptional leadership activities include meritorious service as a member of the Professional Development and Training Future Teacher Committee for Report Card Revision and the Committee for Math Development of the First Grade Math Test for Hamblen County, and being showcased as Tennessee Reader Association Educator in the School Incentive Plan "Bookworm Reading Program"; and

WHEREAS, she also received media recognition for her excellent work with the Total Quality Management (TQM) Program and has been an HC*Excell grant recipient for the last five years; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Burchfield was honored to be a teacher participant in the Education Edge Externship Program with Tuff Torq Corporation; and

WHEREAS, she faithfully serves God as an active member of the Bethel Baptist Church, where she serves as Journey In Faith Team Leader and Budget Committee Chair and has been a teacher/leader for the Sunday School, Training Union, and Bible School all of her adult life; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we pause in our deliberations to specially recognize the outstanding service of JoAnn Burchfield; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor and commend JoAnn Burchfield on being named 2002 Hamblen County Teacher of the Year for pre-kindergarten through grade 4 and wish her well in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.